Photo History

APT* (Alternative Family Tree)

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Cover Picture

OUR ('ALTERNATIVE') FAMILY TREE

In The Yorkshire Dales - June 26

I am RALPH KLEY, and have always loved travel, food and the hotel life and studied hospitality for four years leaving in 1964.

I guess I developed the work ethic from my late parents and am forever grateful for their love, their example in tolerance and forgiveness and all their unique values which I hope to have passed on to my children and via them to my grandchildren and great granddaughter.

Over the years I have always loved photography and after my 'old fashioned' albums were superseded by digital photography (I have got over 70 of these original albums) I started producing my ***Photo History Volumes*** (currently on my 209th) all downloaded to www.internetarchive.org (so I am able to continue boring everyone even when I have departed this world) These are so varied…rusty cars, ugly scenes, current family, old shots of London, holiday, political, landscapes, shapes and shadows… (in fact anything that caught my attention) - not just personal.

This is the reason behind my producing this AFT * (*Alternative Family Tree) to share the love and happiness with all our great extended family.

Your contributions follow this introduction and together they show the great bond that love can bring across countries and I thank you all so much for helping me produce the unique document.

Once it's completed and all of you are happy with it, I will add this to my downloads and send you a link so you can view it too

Ralph .. July 2026

I still love Lynn's leopard-skin mini (next to us are Maxine and Lynn's cousin Martin at 'The Prospect of Whitby 'really old riverside pub in London

The majority of recent photos of Lynn and myself are outdoors with our volunteer group.

July '26

A recent 'social picnic' with fellow volunteers. We chose the spot to honour a late great fellow volunteer, Allison who has her memorial tree planted there

This is a rest period after a hard morning's 'mulching' in hot weather

August '26

My late mother, Ilse Kley (formerly Ilse Bruckstein), left Danzig, a free city, (now Gdansk) in Poland at the age of 17 alone, to make a life here in the UK

Ilse Kley (Bruckstein) in Danzig (Gdansk) aged about 16 in Gdansk

Ilse Kley at 92 in Regent's Park London

ILSE went 'into service' (as a maid) when she came to England, and later in Oxford worked bottling milk. In London she ran her own day nurseries, did bar work, food demonstrating and worked in retail stores.

She was always totally supportive of dad, **HARRY** and gave me a wonderful example of how determination can bring its own rewards.

She loved Lynn and our family and left her own personal touch to all our family

She accompanied Dad when he returned to Germany over many years and spoke calmly and with great control to schools about his former life in Germany. They recently honoured him (and my late grandparents who were murdered there)

The details are on the following page

(left to right..**Eva** Steinitz (sister), **Hans** Bruckstein (brother) and **Ilse** (mum)

1939..In Tel Aviv, (l to r) my Aunt Eva, my Grandma, my Uncle Hans & Grandfather

My father, Harry Kley (formerly Horst Klee), left Godesberg (near Bonn, in The Rhineland, Germany) also aged 17 to make his life here in the UK as well.

They met in London's cosmopolitan Swiss Cottage, married, and moved to Oxford where I was born.

Harry Kley, Ralph Kley and Ilse Kley (many years ago!)

He opened a London City restaurant: 'Deli-Citi' followed by a period as systems organiser for Coca Cola after retiring.

Translation of the Memorial Text on the Stolpersteine (memorial paving stones)in Germany

Bonner Straße 74 Horst Klee, "Harry Kley" (22 May 1922 – 18 July 2000)

Horst Klee was born in 1922 in Bad Godesberg as the son of Maximilian Klee (1899–1944) and Johanna Klee, née Kaufmann (1894–1945). Both of his parents came from long established Bad Godesberg families. Together with his brothers-in-law, Maximilian Klee ran the laundry shop "Kaufmann". The family first lived at Burgstrasse 5a in Bad Godesberg, then moved in 1930 to Bonner Strasse 74.

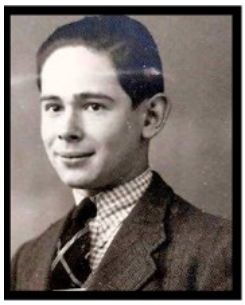
Horst Klee attended the Godesberg primary school from 1928 and then transferred in 1932 to the Bonn Real Gymnasium, but later, due to anti-Jewish regulations, he had to complete his final school years at the private Jewish primary school. Afterwards he trained as a cook at the Hotel Continental in Koblenz, which was run by a cousin of his mother. He later moved to a hotel in Aachen and then to a café in Cologne, which was destroyed during the November Pogrom of 1938. In his free time, Horst Klee was an enthusiastic athlete and active in the sports division "Schild" of the Reich Federation of Jewish Front-Line Soldiers.

At the end of March 1939, Horst emigrated to England and from then on called himself "**Harry Kley**". He joined the British Army, where he served for six years. He first worked as a cook, then transferred to an intelligence unit and took part in interrogations of German prisoners as a dispatch rider in Europe

At the end of the war, Harry Kley returned to Bonn and Bad Godesberg as a British soldier and was involved in investigations and denazification processes. After some time, he returned to England. During the war he had already met **Ilse Bruckstein** (1920–2015), originally from Danzig; they married and in January 1944 had their son, **Ralph Michael Kley**. The couple remained in England. Harry Kley died there in 2000 and was buried in Essex.

Dad (on left) in France in 1944/1945

Dad working on my old Amstrad



My father

The Stolpersteine for Maximilian and Johanna Klee (the grandparents I never had the pleasure of knowing) were laid in Germany in 2003.

Cousin Stuart Rose and great family.

Stuart and I are both family and friends (and that's not always the case)

Re your request for family info, it is difficult to sum up a lifetime of my family in a short summary.
Since 1978 we have been a family of 6.
Married in 1970 with various additions throughout the 70's culminating in the birth of identical twins in 1978. Having 4 sons has been tough for Sharon I especially in 1978 when we had 2 newborns with a four and a five year old (Jason and Jamie) I'm pleased to say that they have all prospered and am proud to have 4 grandchildren. My greatest challenge since 1978 was to differentiate between Jeremy and Simon. To this day I still can't tell which is which!
Like you, my career has been in hospitality. It's a tough way to earn a living but I wouldn't change it.

On the left is Jeremy and on the right is Simon (or, hold no, is it the other way round??)

is my wife and soulmate, married me in 1964 (yippee) only to find herself, almost immediately, steeped in catering, and supporting my long career in hospitality.

Lynn, my great wife and I are now enjoying retirement but are certainly never actually retiring.

Between tree-work volunteering (planting over 15,000 trees over 6-8 years) our weekly 5k Park Runs, my daily early morning swims while Lynn runs around the local park, we rarely have time to spare.

Lynn Kley and Ralph Kley enjoying a break from 'mulching' on The Enfield Chase in July 2026

With another Lyn (friend) at a 'sixties–themed party in August 2026

Lynn and Peachy on DP's boat in August '26

Lynn Kley and Ralph Kley (on left) after the Park Run with friends (Raquel, Cristina & Jose) in June '26

Darren-Paul Kley

with Lynn Kley

July '26

From about my 12th till about my 17th year I struggled with a huge temper problem causing many problems with schools and my immediate family. At some point in my 17th year after expulsion from many schools and some very destructive reasoning which caused me to want to sever and destroy all ties with my family, I remember clearly my lovely papa (Horsti) saying in his firm and wise voice that nothing is more important than family .. How right he was . I found an inner wisdom to change my ways and since then through a life of unconventional, but very wholesome and selfless projects and jobs, I stand with my own family of 2 young adult children Beau-Phineas 22 and Esme Peach 20, their wonderful mother, Angela, and our delightful grand-daughter Otterlie 3.5. Together, the love , respect and friendship I have with my parents now we all

Darren-Paul (aka. D.P or Fluffy) our son took to Circus life like a fish to water and went from Circus School to performing circus acts in many locations, followed by sailing in traditional sailing boats bringing back rum, coffee and chocolate under sail. He produces shows and festivals up to the present time.. He has two great outward-going children: Beau-Phineas Kley and Esme-Peach Kley.

DP with Lynn (mum)

Beau-Phineas Kley, our grandson, also follows the festival life building his own unique major sound systems and his daughter, **Ottie** (our great -granddaughter (is now 3 years old).

I'm Beau-Phineas Merry Kley. I was born in Somerset then travelled between Spain and France until I was 5 then moved to Suffolk and then back to Somerset and then to Bristol. This movement has made me appreciate diverse living massively and this outlook has really helped me value living the life I have. I'm grateful for this, as it's allowed me to offer an interesting and exciting life for my daughter, Ottilie who's now 3.

I feel like being in such a blessed position means I should use it to help those who aren't in such a fortunate position. For the last few years has manifested as putting on raves, free parties and free festivals in the UK and Spain, aiming to encourage, community, political awareness and dance and freedom of expression. Also in the last 3 years I did a degree in politics and international relations. Which I really enjoyed and really inspired me. I'm starting a masters in Human Rights law in September. I hope to investigate war crimes and crimes against humanity in the future if that's the right path for me!

Our wonderful great granddaughter, Ottie (Otterlie) in July 2026

Tamara Giselle Hur is our daughter who was born at the miniscule weight of less than 1 kilo and went on to be a fantastic mother to Larnie with the help of our late wonderful Ben

These are Ben's boys .

John Hur .. with Lauren and my fab granddaughter Sophia .

I went to stay with them in Gloucestershire as a first time proud grandma

The other people in the pic are Jack Hur and my daughter in law Chloe .. she comes from a very very religious large family and was told she couldn't have kids ..

She found out she was pregnant after visiting the Great Wall of China in honour of my gorgeous Ben .. their dad . Which is a wonderful miracle ….They are due in Nov …and I will be a grandma again.

We have been through a lot and are a very close family and I love them so much and am very happy and proud to be included in this family unit and I know that my Ben is watching over and is happy and proud

Larnie and me together in 2026

Taking a break from the Christmas festivities

The first week in Larnie's new apartment– June '26

I came to meet Larnie at her office after her first time going back into work after almost losing her to serious illness .. I saw a beautiful young woman coming down the stairs .. I realised it was my daughter. And moving into her flat after so many milestones .. as a brilliant person who is my favourite person to enjoy life's adventures with …not just my daughter

Larnie back at work

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Ben Hur was her late husband and was unique....he was both a fantastic husband and dad and he is so sadly missed by us all

Tammy & Larnie in August '26

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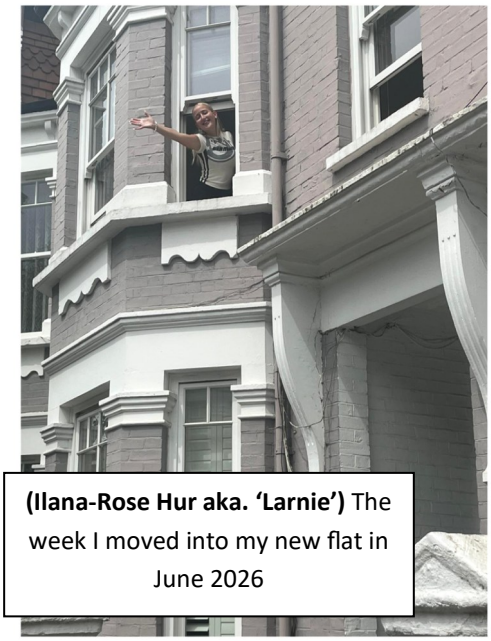
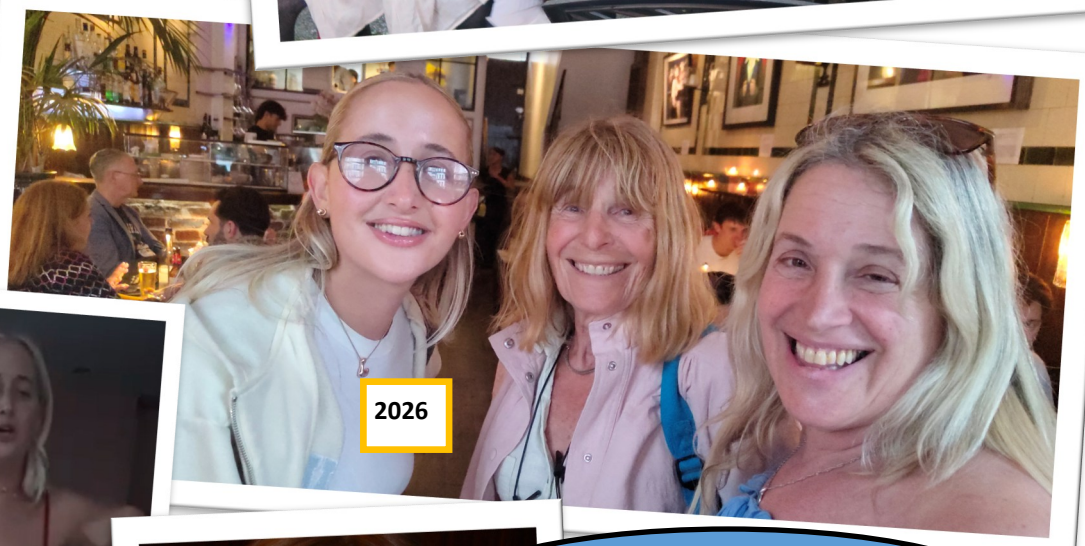
Tammy and her late husband Ben were inseparable and so happy together. She bravely nursed him and cared for him despite his debilitating illness. He constantly continued working and was such a dear member of our family . I am writing this with a lump in my throat and the pictures say it all especially the last one..

Ilana-Rose Hur (Larnie - 'The Larn' or 'Larnie), our granddaughter, after braving some major health issues is holding down a demanding editorial city-based position and still finds time to continue singing and enjoying her gym routine. She currently moved to a fantastically- situated flat in West Hampstead and works both office-based and from home.



(Ilana-Rose Hur aka. 'Larnie') The week I moved into my new flat in June 2026

Lunch in our garden in 2023



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Larnie loves to sing..this is in August 2026 singing an Ami Winehouse number specially for 'grandad'

Sometimes those ice cream are just so BIG

In Tuscany in 20025 with Lynn, Larnie and Ilse Kley (great-grandma)

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Beau-Phineas Kley and Angela Hill (mum) in Pembrokeshire in July 2026

ANGELA HILL ….Angela, our special daughter-in-law, despite not being a 'couple' with our son remains a most loved, loving and lovely member of our family and as I said 'very special' Our son and Angela still have a most wonderful understanding relationship and are great parents.

I have had two main threads in my life. Theatre and education, ah yes and travel. After my degree in Philosophy and English, I travelled in Spain and learned Spanish then braced myself for teacher training. It was pretty intense. I had to party quite hard to balance things!

Then I travelled again for about 15 years setting up little schools and making art as I went.

I was performing as I travelled over these years. First solo, then as a trapeze artist and divising shows with Shelanagig and Cabaret at the End of the World.

I met Fluffee, we had Beau and Peachy!

I returned to teaching to support them growing up. I made a touring show Monster Magic for kids and we all toured a couple of Summers with that show.

I did my Masters over a few years and graduated in 2016. Feeling very clever forever now!

We moved to Bristol for 3 years, then back to Radford Mill Farm where the kids had been born 8 years previously. I became a Forest School teacher as well as mainstream. Gradually left the classroom over a few years until today I run my own school on my land near Midsomer Norton. I also bought a house there when the kids were getting to school exam time and needed more stability. So now 2026, the School of Curiosity is flourishing and I am planning to write about what we are doing here working with children who are struggling to learn due to a multitude of difficulties. Patience and nature are helping them find their confidence and curiosity again.

DP, Angela Lynn, Ralph, Beau and Peachy planting trees on Angela's meadow in April 2023

In France with Beau in 2004

Angela, Beau & Lynn at Xmas 2015

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Beau with their lovely very special dog

Peachy, the Ship' mascot on board the boat where we all celebrated Angela's 40th birthday in 2009

Beau has a lovely daughter called Ottie who we all love so much. He has his degree in Politics and International relations and now starting MA in Human Rights Law. Well done him! Honestly so proud of his efforts and commitment to 'change the world!'

Peachy is 20 and full power! She got a distinction for her Diploma in Performance and Production. She starting her Acting Foundation degree now and loves travelling and psychoanalysing everyone! She is going out into the world with a strong spirit, who knows what she'll get up to!

So we are incredibly fortunate and thankful. I look around the world and see what we all see and my heart breaks. But we must go forward doing the best we can to bring light and be brave.

Left to right. **Oli** (Bruce's 2nd), **Beau** (Fluffy's 1st)**Sam** (Belinda's 3rd),**Robert** (Bruce's 1st),**Josh** (Bruce's 3rd), **Bruce** (brother),**Tash** (his wife), **Peachy** (Fluffys 2nd), **Dad** - David Hill, **Mum** - Mary Hill, **Louis** (Belinda's 1st), **Belinda** (sister), **Ben** (Belinda's husband),**Angela** (Beau and Peachy's mum), **Molly** (Belinda's 2nd)

We (Ralph & Lynn) were very close to David (Angela's) late father and still are very close to Mary her lovely mother. The above photo is of Angela's great family - At Christmas 2018, before David (Angela's Dad) died in the following Spring.

(*To avoid confusion: the names are provided by Angela and 'Fluffy' is aka. known as Darren-Paul Kley')*

Esme -Peach Kley (Peachy), our granddaughter, has followed the tradition of showmanship and drama and is currently living on our son (Darren-Paul's) boat, moored in Bristol Harbour.

Hi my names Peachy, more formally known as Esme Peach, I'm 20 years old and I'm enjoying life a lot! The last two winters I've gone to travelling around Central America with friends then off to Panama with my dad and we've created circus shows at a festival on the beach, it was an inspiring experience for me as I love performing, creating and devising theatre, I've been performing since I was young and i feel like that's my purpose, and what I wish to do forever! I'm interested in creating poignant and political pieces that makes one question their views.
I'm inspired by my parents and their history of producing unique performances , particularly my mum and some of her outrageous and hilarious characters.

I love dancing and laughing and just having a good old time.

Recently I have moved out and onto my dad's boat which has been done up beautifully- I'm excited for this new chapter and what it will bring as I am set to start a course in Acting in September.

'Peachy'- in April 2026

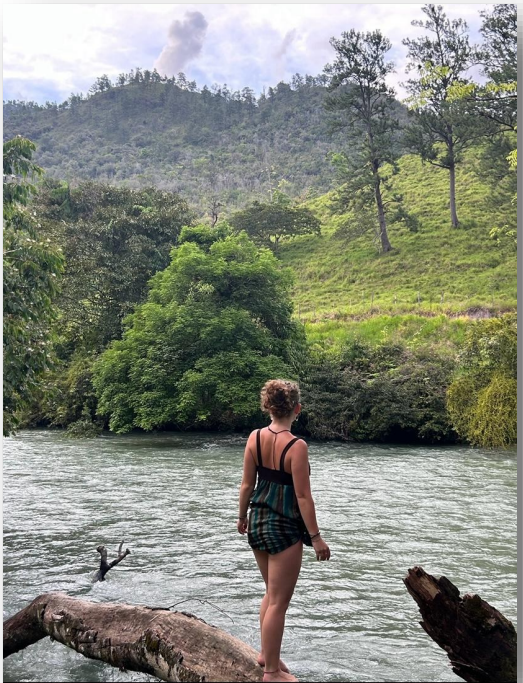
Heyyy!!!! I've been volunteering for the last two weeks in a hostel in Antigua which is a small city in the mountains in Guatemala- it's surrounded by volcanoes- one of which is we hiked! it's was incredible, it was a two day hike and when we got to the top we got to see it erupt, which it does every 5 minutes. It was seriously amazing!!

Free party in Wales with my best friend Rosa

On a motorbike in Panamá with Rosa (don't worry the bike was stationary hence why I had no helmet)

.Performing in 'Metamorphosis' at drama school

Standing by a river in Guatemala



.Me on Dad's boat!

That happy smile

Arnon Bruckstein, my late cousin, and I had such a special fun and close relationship. We walked and cycled in Arran together and despite the distance we lived apart, maintained a long and loving fun relationship.

Arnon in Tel Aviv showing us some original photos

DP with Arnon, Lynn and Larnie at Pin Mill

Cycling around Lochgilphead in Scotland in 2013

At Pin Mill where we all visited DP's boat moored there

Loch Corrie on Arran where we spent a great time together

Hiking on Arran

Almut & Ali… the lovely Almut, and her wonderful husband Ali continues our special relationship and with all their children and grandchildren.

Enjoying bagels in Brick Lane, London in July 2018

A lovely walk in Standon Hertfordshire in July 2018

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This is Almut and Ali on a vacation in Denmark in the summer 2026.

This is Almut and Ali on a vacation in Denmark in the summer 2026.

Almut is married to Ali since the year 2008. Together they are entertaining five kids with two grandchildren (as of today) who live in Berlin, Lucerne, and Idan. The kids, born in Jerusalem to Almut's and Arnon z'l , give us the joy of weekly Friday night family gatherings with their families whenever possible, and all of us enjoy coming together for a summer vacation in Denmark. We admire dear Lynn and Ralph's gorgeous garden: their hospitality and generosity - the food! the city tours! the jokes! - run legendary in our family.

Almut is an independent writer, researcher, and curator, has been a professor for Jewish philosophy, and is the founder of House of Taswir. She spends a lot of time in Istanbul. Ali works as a psychologist in a Berlin school, and as a psychotherapist in private practice.

Mallory Serebrin is also a valued member of this family group and is a frequent contributor to our family group app so everyone keeps in touch.

Mallory with Arnon

Hey Ralph, thanks for your wonderful initiatives

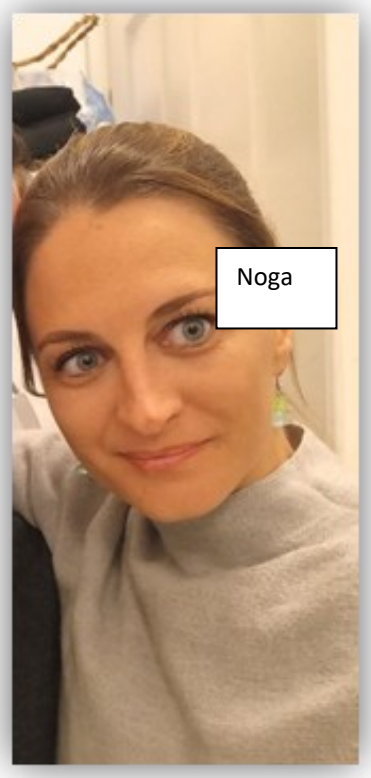
I met Arnon in 2015 and we were together for a total of nine years until he sadly passed away from a brain tumour. Our time together was full of laughter and love. Our search for beauty was mutual and never-ending. We travelled together and rode bicycles and were mutually awed by landscapes of snow of autumn leaves and the beauty of nature. I love his family as much as I loved him - what amazing kids he and Almut (and Ali) raised. I am honoured to be part of this wonderful family.

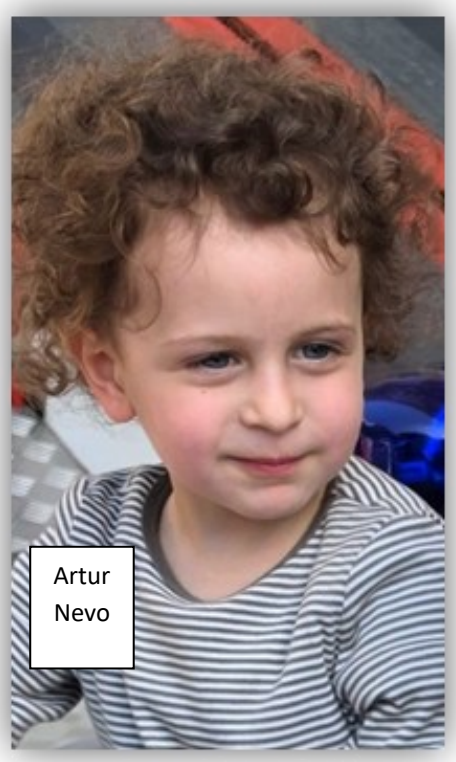
Young Eitan with us in the early years before the grey hair

Jerusalem 2017? Left to right. Mallory, Adam, Noga, Cinay, Reni.

Bottom row left: Ditza (Arnon's mother) Arnon, Manu.

NOGA, ADAM & ARTUR





Thank you so much for including us in the family book. It is a lovely and meaningful project, and we really appreciate the time and care you are putting into it. You are very dear to us, and we are happy to be part of it.

Here is a short text about each of us:

Noga Sarai Bruckstein

Noga is a warm and creative primary school teacher who loves music, travelling and spending time with family and friends. She brings kindness, energy and care to everything she does.

Adam ZVI Hirsch Klein

Adam works in orthopaedic surgery and is known for being practical, thoughtful and always ready to help. He enjoys cooking, travelling and creating special moments with his family.

Artur Nevó Klein

Artur is a cheerful, curious and energetic little boy. He loves exploring the world around him, playing, laughing and keeping his parents busy with new adventures every day.

SINAI & ZIVI

Sinai and Zivi, living and working in the desert of Israel :)….Hey Ralph :) that's us :)

MICHELLE & ADAM

"Love is everywhere but nowhere at the same time. The thing is to find it in between. And if you have the luck to find it with someone hold it tight and gently."

Trent Park in October 2025

By Arnon's tree on The Enfield Chase in Oct '25

RENANA BRUCKSTEIN & ANH LUONG

Renana Bruckstein and Anh Luong. A long friendship that turned into more 🤍 we both love martial arts (where everything began) and enjoy traveling together, and we share our passion for space exploration - Renana on the space medicine and human performance aspects and Anh as a space engineer.

Where you will find us in the future is still not known.. Europe.. Israel.. Vietnam or anything in between or beyond ✨ We still see our many friends, both old and new constantly and have completed much of our travel 'bucket list'

That's I think a pretty nice one of Anh and me.

2024 Fun time at our house

In Greenwich in 2024

Enjoying London in 2024

MANU & CARO & LEO ALIJAH

Manu & Caro & Leo Elijah

How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard
🌻❤️🌞
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Caro, Leo and I love spending time by the lake. A hammock, a picnic bag and splashing around in the water. Leo is such a little water baby at the moment and could spend all day in the water.

He also absolutely loves flying the drone right now, and it's so much fun watching him enjoy it.

Every morning, we start our day nice and slowly with a coffee together on the balcony before the day

begins.

❤️

Every single day is a little gift

Sorry Ralph for the delay

The purpose of this jumbled 'Family text' is possibly my way, in my 82nd year, of producing a family tree.

We are all very different from the usual families..

We are a family where love binds us together…..not lines on the family tree.

Yes, I am sure I have left out important folk, got details wrong, unintentionally upset some people reading this in which case I obviously do apologise .

I have now downloaded it to the internet but please let me know if there are any revisions or alterations you would like me to make.

Big love

Ralph and Lynn

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